

Decision Record

DOI-BLM-AK-F020-2015-0011-CX

FF096580

Egil Fjellheim

KME, LLC

2930 Special Recreation Use Permit-Commercial River Guide

Beaver Creek and Birch Creek Wild and Scenic Rivers

Decision: It is my decision to authorize a 5 year permit to Egil Fjellheim to conduct guided river float trips on both Beaver Creek and Birch Creek Wild and Scenic Rivers (WSR). The applicant will be permitted under a Special Recreation Permit. The applicant described "leave no trace" principles for camping in his plan of operation. No issues were identified for further analysis although comments related to resource concerns are addressed and mitigated by the attached standard operating procedures (SOP). A post use interview and performance evaluation at the end of each year's season will provide information which will be used to determine the applicant's eligibility for following years SRP-float guiding permits.

Rationale:

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 Department Manual 11.5E(9)(DOI 2004), which states "Renewals and assignments of leases, permits or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorization."


The environmental effects of this action were considered in DOI-BLM-AK-F020-2013-0018-EA and were found to have no significant impacts, thus an environmental impact statement is not required.

1. The proposed action is consistent with the use of public lands under the authority of Section 302 of the Federal Land Policy Management Act and the regulations found in 43 CFR 2930.
2. The proposed action would not impact salmon or habitat known to support salmon and therefore, the proposed action was assigned the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Determination: No effect, and no further EFH consultation is required.
3. There are no anticipated impacts to cultural resources by the Proposed Action.

4. This proposed action will not significantly restrict subsistence uses. No reasonably foreseeable and significant decrease in the abundance of harvestable resources, alteration in the distribution of harvestable resources, or limitations on harvester access will result from the proposed action.
5. Standard Operating Procedures for the Special Recreation Permit FF096580 will be attached to the permit.

Appeal Provisions:

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Appeals, Office of Hearing and Appeals, in accordance with 43 CFR Part 4 and DOI Form 1842-1. The notice of appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management Eastern Interior Field Office, 1150 University Ave. Fairbanks, Alaska 99709, within 30 days from receipt of this decision. Appeals from administrative decisions issued by BLM-Alaska must be filed in writing in the office of the deciding official, either by mail or hand delivery. Notices of appeal transmitted by electronic means, such as e-mail will not be accepted as timely filed.

 Acting For

Manager, Eastern Interior Field Office

6/12/2015

Date

Lenore Heppler

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